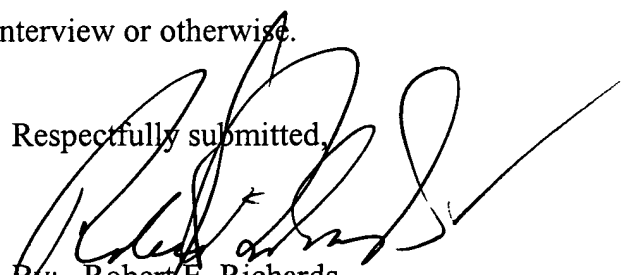


Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks. Such action is courteously solicited. Applicants further request that the Examiner call the undersigned counsel if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by examiner's amendment, telephone interview or otherwise.

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